

Amendments to the Claims

A complete listing of the claims follows.

1. (Original) A sailing craft, comprising:

a frame;

a main sail affixed to the frame;

two buoyant wheels positioned on one side of the frame; and

two buoyant wheels positioned on the opposite side of the frame.

2. (Currently amended) The sailing craft of claim 1 wherein ~~each~~ at least one wheel comprises one or more fins ~~on its~~ around the wheel's perimeter.

3. (Currently amended) The sailing craft of claim 2 wherein each of the at least one wheels comprises a wheel body, and the one or more respective fins are affixed to each respective wheel body.

4. (Currently amended) The sailing craft of claim 2 wherein each of the at least one wheels comprises a wheel body, and the one or more respective fins are integral with each respective wheel body.

5. (Currently amended) The sailing craft of claim 1 wherein at least two of the wheels are mounted to ~~an~~ respective axle that is attached to the frame such that each of the at least two respective wheels can rotate about the ~~each respective~~ axle.

6. (Original) The sailing craft of claim 1, wherein one or more of the wheels are configured to turn with respect to the direction of the craft at the direction of a sailor to provide steering.

7. (Currently amended) The sailing craft of claim 6, wherein the forward one of the two buoyant wheels positioned on the one side of the frame and the forward one of the two buoyant wheels

positioned on the opposite side of the frame each are configured to turn with respect to the direction of the craft to provide steering.

8. (Currently amended) The sailing craft of claim 6, wherein the aft one of the two buoyant wheels positioned on the one side of the frame and the aft one of the two buoyant wheels positioned on the opposite side of the frame each are configured to turn with respect to the direction of the craft to provide steering.

9. (Original) The sailing craft of claim 1, further comprising two additional wheels, one additional wheel positioned on the one side of the frame and the other additional wheel positioned the opposite side of the frame.

10. (Original) The sailing craft of claim 1, wherein at least one of the wheels is designed to plane as speed increases.

11. (Original) The sailing craft of claim 1, wherein the frame is rectangular in shape.

12. (Currently amended) The sailing craft of claim 11 wherein a deck comprising a trampoline is attached to the frame.

13. Cancelled.

14. (Currently amended) The sailing craft of claim ~~13~~ 12 wherein the deck trampoline comprises polypropylene fabric attached to the frame.

15. Cancelled.

16. Cancelled.

17. Cancelled.

18. (Original) The sailing craft of claim 1 wherein each of the wheels provide at least one of steering, tracking, and floatation.

19. (Original) The sailing craft of claim 18 wherein each of the wheels provide at least two of steering, tracking, and floatation.

20. (Original) The sailing craft of claim 19 wherein at least one wheel provides all of steering, tracking, and floatation.

21 – 33 Cancelled.

34. (New) A sailing craft comprising a frame for supporting a sailor, a deck, a sail, and two or more wheels rotating about an axle, the axle attached to the frame, wherein the wheels are configured to plane at increased sailing speeds.

35. (New) A buoyant wheel for use on a sailing craft, comprising:
a rim configured for mounting on an axle such that the wheel rotates about the axle;
a buoyant body portion affixed to the rim; and
a fin around the outside perimeter of the body configured to provide at least one of tracking and steering.

36. (New) The wheel of claim 35 wherein the fin is affixed to the body.

37. (New) The wheel of claim 35 wherein the wheel is configured to plane at increased sailing speeds.